



COMBINATION FLY SWATTER AND INSECT TRAP

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A hand held fly swatter apparatus is provided
which is capable of being configured to capture insects
alive from given surfaces to allow their subsequent
disposal. The apparatus includes a flexible handle
10 having a transparent rigid housing attached to a front
end thereof. The housing defines an insect trap
compartment having a large aperture through which an
insect is placed within the insect trap compartment.
The housing provides a pair of parallel channels which
15 extend along opposite sides of the compartment aperture
and are arranged to support a front end portion of a
mesh closure member. The mesh closure member is
slidable between a retracted position to permit access
to the insect trap compartment, and an extended
20 position wherein the mesh closure member covers the
compartment aperture. A rear slide clamp attached to a
rear end portion of the mesh closure member supports
the closure member relative to the handle. Bumpers are
provided to limit movement of the mesh closure member
between the defined retracted and extended positions.
The housing and the mesh closure member, in its
extended position, cooperatively provide a fly swatter.